

Historic Preservation Review Board Meeting Wednesday, February 12, 2014, 6:00 PM

The meeting of the Historic Preservation Review Board was called to order by Acting Chair, Matt Shildneck at 6:04 PM at Town Hall.

Acting Chair, Matt Shildneck called the roll.

Board Members present: Acting Chair; Matt Shildneck, Ellen Roberts, David Harsh, and Elizabeth Anderson.

Also present: Roger Bennett, Town citizen; Sandy Strehlou, HPRB Coordinator; and Peggy Sue McRae, Recording Secretary.

Minutes

The minutes of the HPRB meeting of 01.22.2014 were approved with minor corrections.

Partners in Preservation

After discussing qualifications and potential candidates the HPRB board passed a motion to give this year's Partners in Preservation awards to the San Juan Historical Museum for Outstanding Achievement in Historic Preservation and Rehabilitation and to Spring Street International School for Outstanding Achievement in Historically Compatible New Construction.

HPRB Coordinator Sandy Strehlou will notify Spring Street School and the Historical Museum and see if Tuesday May 13th will work for the awards presentation or if not the 13th, Wednesday May 14th before the Brann Cabin event that evening. She will also see if the event can be held at Spring Street School.

Strehlou suggested as many board members as possible come to the Town Council meeting on May 1st to receive the History Lives Here proclamation.

Sunshine Alley Redux

Coordinator Strehlou reminded the board that at our next meeting, at 5:30 PM on February 19th consultant Tom Beckwith will be present to discuss our vision of Sunshine Alley's future. To that end, after some discussion the board created a list of agreed upon talking points regarding Sunshine Alley.

- Think preservation (of old buildings) before demolition.

- Preserve character-defining features.
- Retain historic “Alley” character.
- Keep improvements simple.
- Wash first. Paint second.
- Open up trapped greenspace.
- Enhance backs of buildings with windows, entries, and plants.
- Enhance entryways into the alley.
- Add lighting, keeping fixtures appropriate to the alley.
- Signage for businesses facing the alley.
- Include site specific Public Art in the plan for the alley. No Clock-towers or Totem Poles.

Port of Friday Harbor Redux

The board looked at and discussed architectural plans for the remodeling of the Port. After some discussion the board passed a motion to write a letter to the Town Council expressing concerns with the new plan. Board members were asked to send their thoughts on this issue to Elizabeth Anderson by Friday. Anderson will write a letter to be completed by Monday.

Staff Report

Coordinator Strehlou informed the board regarding property sales taking place in town. Spring Street 260 “Jeri’s Mall” was sold and will no longer have a restaurant on the upper story. Lynn Danaher purchased Acanthus and Herb’s Tavern has sold.

Meeting adjourned 8:08

Matt Shildneck, Acting Chair

Peggy Sue McRae, Recording Secretary